

The Trumpeter



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2012 Resolve to Get Involved

*If you don't get involved now, then when?
If not you, then who will do the job?*

Are you tired of other people getting to make decisions that affect your life? Now is your chance! The County Council is searching for San Juan County citizens to fill current and upcoming vacancies on various boards and commissions. The following is a list of current vacancies:

- ◆ Agricultural Resources Committee - (2) Positions
- ◆ Eastsound Design Review Committee - (1) Position (Architect)
- ◆ Fair Board - (1) Lopez District, (1) Friday Harbor
- ◆ Ferry Advisory Committee - (1) Lopez Island
- ◆ Board of Health - (1) At Large Position
- ◆ Housing Bank Commission - (1) San Juan Island Position
- ◆ Human Services Advisory Board - (5) Positions, all Islands
- ◆ Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - (2) Contributors (3) Receivers (thru December)
- ◆ Northwest Agriculture Business Center - (1) Lopez Seat
- ◆ Noxious Weed Board -" (1) Lopez/Shaw
- ◆ Open Space Advisory Committee - (2) Positions
- ◆ SJC Park Board -" (1) San Juan Island, (1) Lopez Island
- ◆ Solid Waste Advisory Committee - (5) Positions
- ◆ Veterans' Advisory Board - (2) Positions (Lopez)
- ◆ Water Resources Management Committee - (2) Positions

If you are interested in volunteering or would like information, please contact our website: [//www.sanjuanco.com](http://www.sanjuanco.com) / call the County Council office and ask for Maureen See at 378-2898 or email: maureens@sanjuanco.com



"If you will help run our government in the American way, then there will never be danger of our government running America in the wrong way."

*General Omar Bradley
1893-1981*

CHAIR CORNER

by Michelle Loftus



"No government, any more than an individual, will long be respected without being truly respectable; nor be truly respectable, without possessing a certain portion of order and stability."

*James Madison
4th President of the U.S.*



2011 has been a productive year as San Juan County Republicans have organized working for our county and state. Common ground issues of property rights, taxes, government size and government costs are bringing independents and democrats to our table to find solutions. We are gaining in numbers and our election losses have been close. Liberals are deeply rooted in their beliefs as are conservatives. If we hold strong to our conservative beliefs we can strengthen our economy, make our government more efficient and benefit our community. Public relations are needed to express this mission. Please get involved.

Your humble chair has recently been elected to the Washington State Republican Party Executive Board. I will represent Congressional District 2 with Charlie Crabtree from Whatcom County. I intend for this position to bring attention to San Juan County and its needs. My priorities include property rights and the replacement of Ranker, Larsen, Morris, Cantwell

and Gregoire.

Upcoming events include:

Jan 11

Redistricting Meeting at 1:00 PM will be at the SJI Elections Office- Precinct changes will be revealed and discussed. **PCO's are encouraged to attend.**

Jan 20, 21:

State Central Committee Meeting in Yakima

Feb 4:

Candidate School
10 AM to 5:00 PM by Anthony Welcher at Burlington's Public Library, 820 E Washington Ave

Feb 25:

Lincoln Day Breakfast on Orcas and Lunch on Lopez

TBA

Lincoln Dinner—San Juan

March 3:

Precinct Caucuses
San Juan Precincts at the San Juan Grange

Shaw Island at Rawls Home

Orcas Island at the Legion Hall and other locations
TBA

Lopez Island at Woodman's Hall

March 24

County Convention at SJI Grange

May 30

State Convention in Tacoma

Please renew your membership for 2012. Donate to our local work and our candidates. Contact me, our County Executive Committee or your PCO if you would like to be involved. There is much to do. We are serious about our work but have fun doing it.

Welcome Rosalie Webster as our new PCO for San Juan 3. Thank you Rosalie for stepping up!



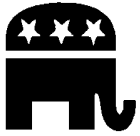
ARE YOU THE MISSING PIECE THAT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



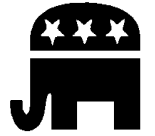
We are all unique yet each of us has special strengths and talents to share. When we link our individual strengths together... We're invincible!

GET INVOLVED!





2012 Membership Opportunities



SAN JUAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY WORKING FOR YOU

Please send your check, payable to SJCRP, with this form to:
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Friday Harbor, WA 98250

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The Complex Budget Made Simple

by Sam & Steve Cotton

Editor's Note: Former San Juan County residents, and fellow conservatives, Steve and Sam Cotton, share their views with us.

I love it when complex things are simplified so that we can all understand.

Can you imagine running a country using these numbers?

United States Tax revenue:
\$2,170,000,000,000

Fed budget:

\$3,820,000,000,000

New debt:

\$ 1,650,000,000,000

National debt:

\$14,271,000,000,000

Recent budget cut:

\$ 38,500,000,000

Now, remove 8 zeros and pretend it's a household budget.

◆ Annual family income:
\$21,700

◆ Money the family spent:
\$38,200

◆ New debt on credit card:
\$16,500

◆ Outstanding balance on credit card: \$142,710

◆ **Total budget cuts: \$385**

REALLY BRINGS THE ISSUE HOME, DOESN'T IT?



MICHAEL BAUMGARTNER FOR U.S. SENATE

We have an opportunity to support and excellent candidate who will be running for the seat Maria Cantwell currently holds.

ENERGY SECURITY

America's overdependence on foreign oil hurts our economy and endangers our troops. It distorts our foreign policy and forces us to do business with some of the world's worst tyrants. An America with abundant and diverse energy supplies will both make the whole world more secure and help good jobs here at home

BALANCING THE BUDGET

America's growing national debt threatens our prosperity and unfairly endangers the future freedoms of our children and grandchildren. In the last twelve years, America's national debt has doubled to nearly 15 trillion dollars. Irresponsible politicians in Washington, D.C. have staggered from one crisis to the next. We must have a balanced budget, now.

CREATING JOBS

A good job, along with the ability to own your own business, are essential parts of the American Dream. In the last twelve years, Washington State's unemployment rate has doubled. Today, nearly one in five persons is looking for work or underemployed. We must let business create jobs without government red tape slowing growth and distorting capital markets.

RESTORING OUR FREEDOM

Thomas Jefferson said that the God who gave us life gave us liberty. The Constitution does not grant us those freedoms, which we are born with, but it is meant to restrain government from trampling them. There is no more important job for a U.S. Senator than ensuring those promises made in the Constitution are kept in the Congress.

Go to: <http://www.votebaumgartner.com/>

Find out more about an excellent candidate for U. S. Senate. Donate today!





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THOUGHTS TO PONDER



" I'LL RUN OVER AND PICK UP OUR WELFARE CHECK. THEN DROP BY THE UNIVERSITY TO SEE WHAT'S HOLDING UP MY FEDERAL EDUCATION GRANT, MEANWHILE YOU GO TO THE FREE CLINIC TO CHECK ON YOUR SCABIES AND PICK UP MY NEW GLASSES, AND THEN WE WILL MEET AT THE FEDERAL BUILDING AT NOON FOR THE MASS PICKETING OF THE STINKING ESTABLISHMENT."

"The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance."

Cicero , 55 BC

So, what have we learned in the past 2,066 years.?

